GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1340
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AIR SERVICES FOR BILASPUR CHAKRABHATA
Mohale Shri Punnulal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce air services for Bilaspur Chakrabhata;

(b) If so, whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) The decision taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):Indian Airlines have no plans to introduce air services to Bilaspur. Further, Bilaspur airport is not operational and there is no firm commitment from any scheduled airline operator to operate through that airport.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c): An advocate from Bilaspur, Chhatisgarh had served a notice on behalf of his lady doctor client calling upon this Ministry to increase the number of flights, starting facilities not existing and for ensuring development of Chakrabhata runway within two months.

(d) : The Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country, including North-East region. It is, however up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to complaince of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.